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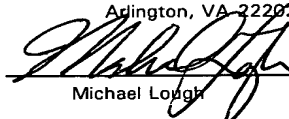
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 26, 2002, Applicant elects, without traverse, Group II, claims 8-14 directed to a method of assigning a function to a product encoded by a nucleic acid molecule.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-7 and 15-57' without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add claims 58-69 as follows:

58. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more members of the oligonucleotide family are introduced into expression vectors, which are introduced into the host cells, wherein the expression vectors comprise:

double-stranded DNA, comprising:

a sense strand and an antisense strand, wherein the sense strand codes for an antisense strand that, when expressed as RNA binds to an mRNA sequence transcribed from the target nucleic acid sequence so that expression of a product the target nucleic acid is inhibited; and


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